Title: References made to the passing away of His Majesty King Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev of Nepal on 1 June, 2001, Shri Shyam Lal Bansiwal (Sitting Member Thirteenth Lok Sabha) on 22 May, 2001, Shri Z.M. Kahandole (Member, Fourth, Fifth, Seventh and Twelfth Lok Sabha) on 19 April, 2001, Shri Amrit Nahata (Member Fourth to Sixth Lok Sabha) on 26 Apirl, 2001, Shri N. Tombi Singh (Member Fifth, Eighth and Ninth Lok Sabha) on 6 May, 2001, Shri Sudhakar Rao Naik (Member Twelfth Lok Sabha) on 10 May, 2001, Shri G.Y. Krishnan (Member Fourth to Seventh Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha 1990-96) on 20 May, 2001, Shri Ram Dhan (Member Fourth to Sixth, Eighth and Ninth Lok Sabha) on 23 March, 2001, Shri P. Ramachandran (Member Sixth Lok Sabha) on 23 May, 2001, Shri Jagan Nath Kaushal (Member Seventh and Ninth Lok Sabha) on 31 May, 2001 and Shri C. R. Pottabhi Raman (Member Second and Third Lok Sabha) on 19 June, 2001 respectively.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, as we meet today after an interval of about two and a half months, it is my sad duty to inform the House of the passing away of His Majesty King Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev of Nepal, Shri Shyam Lal Bansiwal, a sitting Member and nine of our former colleagues namely, Sarvashri Z.M.Kahandole, Amrit Nahata, N.Tombi Singh, Sudhakar Rao Naik, G.Y.Krishnan, Ram Dhan, P.Ramachandran, Jagan Nath Kaushal and C.R.Pattabhi Raman.

This House wishes to place on record its deepest condolences at the tragic and untimely demise of Their Majesties King Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev, Queen Aishwarya Rajya Laxmi Devi Shah and other members of the royal family of Nepal on 1 June, 2001.

King Birendra was a visionary who will be remembered by future generations for ushering in peaceful political change and multi-party democracy in Nepal. This House recalls with deep appreciation the invaluable role played by him in strengthening relations with India and in building regional co-operation.

The people and leadership of this country will cherish the memory of his friendship. This House do convey our heartfelt sympathy to the people of Nepal, His Majesty's Government of Nepal and to all members of the royal family of Nepal.

Shri Shyam Lal Bansiwal was a sitting Member of Lok Sabha representing Tonk Parliamentary constituency of Rajasthan. He was also a Member of Eleventh Lok Sabha during 1996-97.

A renowned political worker, Shri Bansiwal was an active parliamentarian. He was a Member of the Committee on Food, Civil Supplies and Distribution and Committee on Petitions.

A keen social worker, Shri Bansiwal worked relentlessly for the uplift of poor, downtrodden and weaker sections of the society.

Shri Shyam Lal Bansiwal passed away on 22 May, 2001 at New Delhi at the age of 54 after a brief illness.

Shri Z.M. Kahandole was a member of Fourth, Fifth, Seventh, Tenth and Twelfth Lok Sabha, from 1967 to 1977, 1980 to 1984, 1991 to 1996 and 1998 to 1999 representing Malegaon parliamentary constituency of Maharashtra.

An active parliamentarian, Shri Kahandole served as a member of various parliamentary and consultative Committees.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Kahandole served as Chairman, Agriculture and Cooperative Committee, Zila Parishad, Nasik from 1962 to 1967.

A keen social and political worker, Shri Kahandole was the founder of Jangal Kamgar Society. He worked relentlessly for the uplift of the tribals and also took interest in awakening them.

Shri Z.M. Kahandole passed away on 19 April, 2001 at Mumbai, Maharashtra at the age of 71.

Shri Amrit Nahata was a member of Fourth to Sixth Lok Sabha representing Barmer and Pali parliamentary constituencies of Rajasthan from 1967 to 1979.

An able parliamentarian, he served as a member of Estimates Committee from 1977 to 1979.

An active social and political worker, Shri Nahata served his State in different capacities with distinction. He was Secretary of Red Cross Society, Jodhpur during 1969-70 and All India Peace Council during 1969-71. He also participated in cooperative movement, family planning programme, urban community development programmes and worked for public hygiene and prohibition.

A man of letters, he edited an English weekly *Aspect* and translated many books from English into Hindi. He also contributed regularly to the editorial pages of leading newspapers in Rajasthan. He produced and directed three films.

Shri Amrit Nahata passed away on 26 April, 2001 at New Delhi at the age of 73.

Shri N. Tombi Singh was a member of Fifth and Sixth Lok Sabha from 1971 to 1979 and Eighth and Ninth Lok Sabha from 1984 to 1991 representing Inner Manipur parliamentary constituency of Manipur.

Earlier, Shri Singh was a member of Legislative Assembly, Manipur from 1967 to 1969. He served as a Cabinet Minister in the State Government.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Singh was a member of various parliamentary Committees including the Estimates Committee. He was also a member of consultative Committee, Ministry of Communications in 1990.

A teacher by profession, Shri Singh was an active social worker. He took keen interest in social reforms and made significant contribution in bringing about a change in the social outlook of Manipur. He also participated in the freedom struggle. He was associated with several social, cultural and sports organisations.

A trade unionist, Shri Singh was President of Government Press Employees Association during 1957-67 and Imphal Municipal Employees Association during 1965-67. A renowned journalist, Shri Singh had the distinction of being President of All India Small Newspapers, Editors' Conference in 1985. He was founder Editor, *Manipur Times*, an English weekly and *Manipur Mail*, an English daily. He also had a lot of publications to his credit.

Shri N. Tombi Singh passed away on 6 May, 2001 at Imphal, Manipur at the age of 75, after a brief illness.

Shri Sudhakar Rao Naik was a member of Twelfth Lok Sabha during 1998-99 representing Washim parliamentary constituency of Maharashtra.

Earlier, Shri Naik was a member of Maharashtra Legislative Council during 1977-78 and Maharashtra Legislative Assembly from 1978-1993. An able administrator, Shri Naik served as a Minister in the State Government during 1977-78; 1985-86 and from 1988 to 1991 and held various important portfolios. He was Chief Minister of Maharashtra during 1991-93 and also adorned the Office of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh during 1994-95.

Shri Naik was again elected to Maharashtra Legislative Assembly, in October 1999. He was also a member of the Water Resources Committee of the State Government.

An active parliamentarian, he was also a member of the Committee on Agriculture during 1998-99.

A man of literary bent of mind, he was Editor of *Gram Swarajya* and *Sonali*, Marathi weeklies.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Naik was an active political and social worker. He actively participated in the Bhudan Movement launched by Acharya Vinoba Bhave.

Shri Sudhakar Rao Naik passed away on 10 May, 2001 at Mumbai at the age of 67.

Shri G.Y. Krishnan was a Member of Fourth to Seventh Lok Sabha from 1967 to 1984, representing Kolar Parliamentary Constituency of Karnataka.

Shri Krishnan was also a Member of Rajya Sabha from 1990 to 1996. An able administrator, he served as Minister of State in the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism during 1995-96.

An active parliamentarian, Shri Krishnan was a member of various Parliamentary and Consultative Committees.

Hailing from an agriculturist family, Shri Krishnan was an active social and political worker. He worked relentlessly for uplift of labourers and backward classes including Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

A trade unionist, Shri Krishnan represented various trade unions.

An advocate by profession, Shri Krishnan was associated with various educational institutions.

A widely travelled person, Shri Krishnan was a member of Parliamentary Delegation to Russia in 1976. He was Vice-President of Society for "Indo-Romania Friendship" and Vice-president and Treasurer of Society for International Friendship, New Delhi.

Shri G.Y. Krishnan passed away on 20th May, 2001 at Bangalore, Karnataka at the age of 71 after a brief illness.

Shri Ram Dhan was a Member of Fourth to Sixth Lok Sabha from 1967 to 1979 and of Eighth and Ninth Lok Sabha from 1984 to 1991 representing Lalganj Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

An active parliamentarian, Shri Ram Dhan was a member of various Parliamentary Committees. He was the

Chairman of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during 1977-79 and Committee on Government Assurances in 1979. He also served as the Chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes from 1990 to 1995.

A veteran freedom fighter, Shri Ram Dhan took active part in freedom struggle from school days. He was detained under Defence of India Rules for two years for taking part in Quit India Movement.

An advocate and journalist by profession, Shri Ram Dhan also served as a correspondent of *Aaj* and *Sansar*, Hindi dailies of Varanasi; *Swatantra Bharat* of Lucknow and *Amrit Bazar Patrika* of Allahabad from 1948 to 1954.

A widely travelled person, Shri Ram Dhan was a member of Indian Delegation to United Nations General Assembly during 1977.

An active social worker, Shri Ram Dhan worked relentlessly for the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and landless labourers. He also served on various developmental bodies. He took keen interest in rural development and in alleviation of problems faced by minority groups.

Shri Ram Dhan passed away on 23rd May, 2001 at New Delhi at the age of 80.

Shri P. Ramachandran was a Member of Sixth Lok Sabha from 1977 to 1979 representing Madras Central Parliamentary Constituency of Tamil Nadu.

Earlier, Shri Ramachandran was a member of erstwhile Madras State Legislative Assembly from 1957 to 1967.

An able administrator, Shri Ramachandran served as the Union Minister of Energy from 1977 to 1979. He also adorned the office of the Governor of Kerala from 1982 to 1988.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Ramachandran was an active social and political worker.

Shri P. Ramachandran passed away on 23rd May, 2001 at Chennai, Tamil Nadu at the age of 80 after a brief illness.

Shri Jagan Nath Kaushal was a Member of Seventh and Eighth Lok Sabha from 1980 to 1989 representing Chandigarh Parliamentary Constituency of Union Territory of Chandigarh.

An able administrator, Shri Kaushal was Union Minister of Law, Justice and Company Affairs from 1982 to 1984.

An active parliamentarian, he was a member of various Parliamentary Committees. He served as the Chairman, Committee of Privileges from 1987 to 1989. He was also a member of Joint Committee to enquire into Bofors Contract during 1987-88.

Earlier, Shri Kaushal was a member of Rajya Sabha from 1952 to 1964. He served as the Chairman, House Committee, Rajya Sabha from 1962 to 1964.

Shri Jagan Nath Kaushal adorned the office of the Governor of Bihar from 1976 to 1979.

A lawyer by profession, Shri Kaushal also served as Advocate-General for Punjab during 1965 and 1967 and for Haryana from 1969 to 1976.

A widely travelled person, Shri Kaushal was leader of Indian Delegation to United Nations Conference on Sea and Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference held at Finland. He was also a member of Indian Parliamentary Delegation to erstwhile USSR and Mongolia during 1962.

Shri Jagan Nath Kaushal passed away on 31 May, 2001 at Chandigarh at the age of 86 after a brief illness.

Shri C.R. Pattabhi Raman was a member of Second and Third Lok Sabha from 1957 to 1967, representing erstwhile Kumbakonam Parliamentary constituency of Tamil Nadu.

An able administrator, Shri Raman served as Union Deputy Minister from 1962 to 1966 holding various important portfolios and Minister of State in the Ministry of Law during 1966-67.

An active Parliamentarian, he also served as the Chairman and Member of various Parliamentary and Joint Committees including Public Accounts Committee.

A veteran freedom fighter, Shri Raman participated in the boycott of Simon Commission during 1927 and in the activities of India League in England from 1929 to 1932.

An advocate by profession, Shri Raman was associated with various educational and legal institutions. A widely travelled person, Shri Raman was a member of the Indian delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Conference, Warsaw, Poland during 1959 and was also an Indian delegate to the Sixteenth session of the United Nations General Assembly during 1961.

A well-known social and political worker, Shri Raman worked relentlessly for the uplift of backward classes. A man of letters, Shri Raman authored several books.

Shri C.R. Pattabhi Raman passed away on 19 June, 2001 at Chennai, Tamil Nadu at the age of 95 after a brief illness.

We deeply mourn the loss of these friends and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed souls.

11.22. hrs. (The Members then stood in silence for a short while.)

MR. SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet tomorrow, July 24, 2001 at 1100 hours.

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The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock

on Tuesday, July 24, 2001/Sravana 2, 1923 (Saka).